

What is claimed is:

1. A method of diagnosing ACD in a subject, comprising quantifying a polynucleotide encoding IL-13 in cells of the subject, wherein an elevated amount of IL-13 is indicative of ACD.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the IL-13 is detected by PCR.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein the IL-13 is detected by hybridization with a polynucleotide probe.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the IL-13 is detected by RNase protection assay.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the cells are skin cells.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein the subject is a mammal.
7. The method of claim 6, wherein the mammal is a human.